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COMMUNITY

St. Croix Preparatory Academy is a K-12 charter school that opened in an eastern suburb of Minneapolis/St. Paul in the fall of 2004 and now serves over 1,200 students. We offer a demanding classical, liberal arts curriculum with an additional emphasis on development of each student's personal character and leadership qualities.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Croix Preparatory Academy was founded on a classical model of education, grounded in the time-tested methodology of the Trivium. Our model focuses on providing students with lifelong learning tools while encouraging them to think independently. The Trivium corresponds to the student's cognitive development, and recognizes that critical learning skills must precede critical thinking skills: K-4 - Grammar (Knowledge), 5-8 - Logic (Understanding), 9-12 - Rhetoric (Communication). Upper School students focus on synthesis and evaluation across the curriculum.

ENVIRONMENT

Set on 58 acres in the St. Croix River Valley, the learning environment at St. Croix Prep is centered on an integrated, rigorous standards-based curriculum in all core areas. One building houses grades K-12, enabling and encouraging interdisciplinary approaches to curriculum as well as cross-grade level opportunities for leadership and mentorship.

EXPECTATION

St. Croix Preparatory Academy purposefully sets high expectations for all students, staff and parents. St. Croix Prep students develop the skills necessary to be successful at all post-secondary institutions, including highly-selective schools. A St. Croix Prep student understands that a post-secondary education is expected. The school emphasizes character development through community service hours required for graduation.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

St. Croix Preparatory Academy Upper School offers 112 courses within a classical, college preparatory curriculum. This curriculum combines formal classes, laboratory work and Socratic Seminars* to draw out each student's inner curiosity and passion. Students have the opportunity to enroll in 34 Honors and AP classes and are expected to have full course loads all four years.

**Rooted in the St. Croix Prep mission of a rich, classically based education, Socratic Seminars feature collaborative, intellectual dialogue facilitated by open-ended questions. Students are challenged to think critically as they use primary sources to explore original texts, artwork and music. Upper School students participate in over 20 Socratic Seminars across content areas each year.*



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY 2016-2021 GRADUATES INCLUDE

- ♦ American University
- ♦ Augsburg College
- ♦ Augustana University
- ♦ Aveda Institute Minneapolis
- ♦ Bard College
- ♦ Baylor University
- ♦ Bemidji State University
- ♦ Benedictine College
- ♦ Bentley University
- ♦ Bethel University
- ♦ Brigham Young University - Hawaii
- ♦ California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
- ♦ Calvin University
- ♦ Carnegie Mellon University
- ♦ Carroll University
- ♦ Carthage College
- ♦ Century College
- ♦ Clark University
- ♦ Coe College
- ♦ Colgate University
- ♦ College of Saint Benedict
- ♦ College of St. Scholastica
- ♦ Colorado State University - Fort Collins
- ♦ Colorado Christian University
- ♦ Colorado State University
- ♦ Columbia College Chicago
- ♦ Concordia College - Moorhead
- ♦ Concordia University at St. Paul
- ♦ Cornell College
- ♦ Crown College
- ♦ Creighton University
- ♦ Davidson College
- ♦ DePaul University
- ♦ Drake University
- ♦ Duke University
- ♦ Eastman School of Music of the U of Rochester
- ♦ Elmhurst College
- ♦ Elon University
- ♦ Emerson College
- ♦ Franklin College
- ♦ Gardner-Webb University
- ♦ Georgia Institute of Technology
- ♦ Grand Canyon University
- ♦ Grossmont College
- ♦ Gustavus Adolphus College
- ♦ Hamline University
- ♦ Hennepin Technical College
- ♦ High Point University
- ♦ IE University - Segovia
- ♦ Illinois Wesleyan University
- ♦ Inver Hills Community College
- ♦ Iowa State University
- ♦ Kansas State University
- ♦ Lawrence University
- ♦ Loyola University Chicago
- ♦ Loyola Marymount University
- ♦ Luther College
- ♦ Macalester College
- ♦ Marist College
- ♦ Marquette University
- ♦ Marymount Manhattan College
- ♦ McGill University
- ♦ Michigan Technological University
- ♦ Minnesota State University, Mankato
- ♦ Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- ♦ Montana State University, Bozeman
- ♦ North Dakota State University
- ♦ Northeastern University
- ♦ Northern Michigan University
- ♦ Northwestern University
- ♦ Purdue University
- ♦ Reed College
- ♦ Roosevelt University
- ♦ Saint John's University (MN)
- ♦ Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- ♦ San Diego City College
- ♦ San Diego State University
- ♦ Sarah Lawrence College
- ♦ Savannah College of Art and Design
- ♦ Seattle University
- ♦ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- ♦ Southern Methodist University
- ♦ St. Catherine University
- ♦ St. Olaf College
- ♦ SUNY College at Old Westbury
- ♦ Tennessee Technological University
- ♦ Texas A&M University - College Station
- ♦ The George Washington University
- ♦ The Institute of Production & Recording
- ♦ The University of Arizona
- ♦ The University of Iowa
- ♦ The University of Sheffield
- ♦ The US Military Academy West Point
- ♦ The University of Tampa
- ♦ United States Air Force
- ♦ United States Army
- ♦ University of Amsterdam
- ♦ University of Cincinnati
- ♦ University of Colorado at Boulder
- ♦ University of Dallas
- ♦ University of Kansas
- ♦ University of Manitoba
- ♦ University of Mary
- ♦ University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Crookston
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Duluth
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Morris
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Rochester
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- ♦ University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- ♦ University of North Dakota
- ♦ University of Northwestern - St. Paul
- ♦ University of Notre Dame
- ♦ University of Oregon
- ♦ University of Puget Sound
- ♦ University of Redlands
- ♦ University of San Diego
- ♦ University of South Dakota
- ♦ University of St Andrews
- ♦ University of St. Thomas
- ♦ University of Vermont
- ♦ University of Virginia
- ♦ University of Washington
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Madison
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, River Falls
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Stout
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Superior
- ♦ University of Wyoming
- ♦ Wabash College
- ♦ Wheaton College IL
- ♦ Whitman College
- ♦ Winona State University
- ♦ Youngstown State University

SCPA GRADUATE SNAPSHOT

- ♦ 95% graduation rate
- ♦ 95% of graduates attend colleges and universities
- ♦ Average ACT Composite Score for class of 2020: 26.6

SCPA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

While the State of Minnesota requires students to take 21.5 credits per year to graduate, St. Croix Preparatory Academy requires its students to take 24.5 credits to graduate.

COURSE	REQUIRED BY	
	STATE OF MN	ST. CROIX PREP
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Social Studies	3.5	4
Science	3	3
World Languages	Local Decision	2
Arts	1	2
Health/PE	Local Decision	1
Career & Tech Ed	Local Decision	0
Electives	7	4
TOTAL	21.5	24.5

GRADE POINT SCORE		
LETTER	UNWEIGHTED COURSE POINT VALUE	WEIGHTED COURSE POINT VALUE
A	4.000	5.000
A-	3.667	4.584
B+	3.333	4.166
B	3.000	3.750
B-	2.667	3.334
C+	2.333	2.916
C	2.000	2.500
C-	1.667	2.084
D+	1.333	1.666
D	1.000	1.250
D-	0.667	0.834

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS IN 2020			
AP SCHOLAR	AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR	AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION	NATIONAL AP SCHOLAR
41	15	26	4

UPPER SCHOOL CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES

CAPSTONE

AP Capstone Research
AP Capstone Seminar

FINE ARTS

Beginning/Advanced Drawing
Beginning/Advanced Painting
Beginning/Advanced Ceramics
Digital Photography I/II
Printmaking
Art Seminar
*AP Studio Art: 2D Design ***

LANGUAGE ARTS/ ENGLISH

ENG 9:
Ancient Literature
HONORS ENG 9:
Ancient Literature
ENG 10:
British Literature and Composition
HONORS ENG 10:
British Literature and Composition
ENG 11:
American Literature
AP Language and Composition
ENG 12:
Contemporary Literature
Debate
Drama
Literature and Madness
AP Literature and Composition
Science Fiction
Shakespeare
Speech
Yearbook

MATHEMATICS

Algebra II
Accelerated Geometry with Functions
Accelerated Algebra II with Pre Calculus
Calculus
Computer Science
Geometry
Intermediate Algebra
Liberal Arts Math
Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Multivariable Calculus
*AP Statistics**

MUSIC

AP Music Theory
Concert Band
Chamber Choir
Chamber Orchestra
Collaborative Piano
Concert Orchestra
Symphonic Band
Jazz Band
Prep Choir
Wind Ensemble

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

First Aid & CPR
*Fitness for Girls***
*Personal Fitness***
Phy Ed & Health
*Recreational Sports**
Team Sports
Weights and Conditioning

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology
Astronomy
Biology
*Biotechnology ***
Honors Biology
AP Biology
Chemistry
Pre-AP & AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Neuroscience
Physics

SOCIAL STUDIES

American Law
AP World History: Modern
Civil Liberties/Civil Rights
Comparative World Religions
Modern World History
Philosophy
Psychology
United States History
U.S. Economics and Politics
AP Comparative Government
*AP Government and Politics: United States***
AP Human Geography
*AP Microeconomics**
*AP Macroeconomics**

WORLD LANGUAGE:

LATIN

Latin I, II, III
*AP Latin***
Honors Latin IV

SPANISH

Spanish I, II, III
Accelerated Spanish I/II
Accelerated Spanish II/III
Honors Spanish IV
AP Spanish

TEACHER CADETS

Symposium

GOLD = WEIGHTED COURSES

Honors, Advanced Placement, Accelerated, Multivariable Calculus.

*Offered in alternating school years ending in odd numbers

**Offered in alternating school years ending in even numbers

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

St. Croix Prep offers numerous programs to encourage camaraderie, teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, discipline and responsibility. Nearly 77% of our students participate one or more extracurricular activity.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS	
♦ Archery	♦ Girls Tennis
♦ Alpine Skiing	♦ Girls Lacrosse
♦ Baseball	♦ Golf
♦ Basketball	♦ Hockey
♦ Cross Country	♦ Soccer
♦ Dance Team	♦ Softball
♦ Football	♦ Track
	♦ Volleyball

ACTIVITIES	
♦ A Cappella Choir	♦ National Honor Society
♦ AV Club	♦ Pep Band
♦ Debate	♦ Prep Quarterly
♦ Fine Art Society	♦ Science Club
♦ Jazz Band	♦ Service Club
♦ Lego League	♦ Ski Club
♦ Math League	♦ Speech
♦ Music Listening	♦ Student Council
♦ National Art	♦ Theatre
♦ National English Honor Society	♦ Yearbook

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ National Merit Finalists – 4 (since 2013).
- ♦ National Merit Semifinalists – 1 (since 2013).
- ♦ National Merit Commended – 8 (since 2013).

Alpine

- ♦ Boys State Individual Qualifier – 2017.
- ♦ Girls State Individual Qualifier – 2020.

Archery

- ♦ State Champions – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.
- ♦ National Individual Champion – 2016.

Baseball

- ♦ Conference Champions – 2019 (MCAA), 2021.

Basketball

- ♦ Boys Conference Champions – 2013, 2020, 2021.
- ♦ Boys Section Runner Up – 2019.
- ♦ Boys Section Champions – 2021.
- ♦ Girls Conference Champions – 2013.

Cross Country

- ♦ State Individual Qualifiers – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Debate

- ♦ State Qualifiers – 2014, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- ♦ National Qualifiers – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Football

- ♦ Section Runner Up – 2016.

Golf

- ♦ Boys Conference Champions – 2018 (MCAA).

Jazz Band

- ♦ 1st Place in Class D at 2015 Eau Claire Jazz Festival.
- ♦ 2nd Place in 2014, 2017, 2018 Jazz Festival.

MN Scholastic Art Awards

- ♦ Multiple Honors – Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention and the Prestigious “American Visions Award”, as well as a Gold Key recipient at the National level.

Orchestra and Choir

- ♦ Superior ratings at the MSHSL Festival, and students have been accepted to the All-State Choir and All-State Orchestra.

Soccer

- ♦ Boys Conference Champions – 2017, 2018, 2019 (MCAA).

- ♦ Boys Section Champions – 2019.
- ♦ Girls Conference Champions – 2020.

Softball

- ♦ Conference Champions – 2019 (MCAA).

Speech

- ♦ State Qualifiers – 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Track

- ♦ Boys Conference Champions – 2013, 2014, 2015.
- ♦ Boys State Individual Qualifiers – 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020.

Vocal Music

- ♦ Superior/Gold rating at the Heritage Festival in Chicago, IL.

SERVICE HOURS FOR GRADUATION

As an emphasis upon character development, all students are required to perform 50 hours of service in order to fulfill their graduation requirements.

YEARLY PRESENTATIONS

Every student in the Upper School delivers a presentation at the end of the year. These presentations merge the SCPA mission of academics, character, leadership, with the lived experiences of our students. As a capstone project, the objective of the presentation is to highlight individual experience and growth.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL/ENRICHMENT

St. Croix Prep believes in the value of educational travel and is offered to all Upper School students beginning in 9th grade. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to participate in a summer trip to Rome and Florence, Italy and/or an annual service trip to Guatemala.

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SCHOOL MISSION

St. Croix Preparatory Academy will develop each student's academic potential, personal character, and leadership qualities through an academically rigorous and content-rich educational program grounded in the classical tradition.